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**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR
DESIGN
PATENT APPLICATION
(37 C.F.R. 1.63)**

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I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

(Title of the Invention)

The specification of which

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

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| Prior Foreign Application Number(s) | Country | Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YY) | Priority Not Claimed | Certified Copy Attached? | |
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Supplemental Sheet

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as attorney(s) or agent(s) to represent the undersigned before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in connection with any and all patent applications assigned only to the undersigned according to the USPTO assignment records or assignment documents attached to this form in accordance with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

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The individual whose signature and title is supplied below is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)Applicant/Patent Owner: Hideaki HONMA, et al.Application No./Patent No: Not yet assigned Filed/Issue Date: January 17, 2006Entitled: NEEDLE POINTER TYPE METERNIPPON SEIKI CO., LTD. , a Corporation

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

January 17, 2006SignatureDateStephen A. Becker, Registration No. 26,527Printed or Typed NameTelephone NumberTitle

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